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SENATOR FOWLER: Yes, I find myself in a similar situation to the one Senator Marvel was in. We have had a bill assigned to our Committee. The Urban Affairs Committee only meets once a week, on Wednesday, and this coming Wednesday is the last day that we had planned to meet within the Speaker's schedule. The bill is one that was introduced dealing with transferring a small parcel of land in Lincoln from the state to the city and I think we will have ample opportunity to contact all the interested parties to come and testify by next Wednesday so I would ask that the rule be suspended that requires seven day notice. We would still have an opportunity to have it in the paper this weekend so that people would be aware the hearing is coming up. I ask to suspend the rule.

PRESIDENT: You have heard the motion. Any further discussion. This takes thirty votes. Would you please respond? Record your vote. Please vote. Please vote. Record.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Clerk, the rules are suspended.

CLERK: Mr. President, a committee hearing, Urban Affairs sets bills for hearing on February 18th. Signed Senator Fowler, Chairman. Mr. President, Senator Marvel asked to be excused at 11 o'clock. Senator Kime asked to be excused for the balance of the day.

PRESIDENT: Read the motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, I move to return LB 669 to Select File for a specific amendment to strike the Cavanaugh amendment. Signed Senator Kelly. The Cavanaugh amendment adopted on this date.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, I want a little dialogue on this with Senator Cavanaugh and I know that he is never very far away so I expect him to come in a big hurry. Senator Cavanaugh. Senator Cavanaugh, I would like to visit with you about your amendment on LB 669. As I first read that I thought maybe you were making some severe changes in the juvenile court procedures or employment or the paying of the bills but I believe that all you are doing is making a change from something called a referee to something called an assistant judge but I don't understand what either one of those are.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Is this reconsideration? All right. The referee, I didn't expect this to come up as fast as it did and didn't really prepare. The referee has certain hearing limitations that he can only sit on certain hearings in the juvenile court, and the court, as I understood it, in Douglas County wanted to expand his role or activity and so to change his designation from a referee and those limitations to an associate judge which would, I think, allow him to conduct a broader range of hearings probably on actually hearing and taking evidence on the cases rather than simply